

Times. His deep knowledge and tireless pursuit of articles earned Mike the respect of readers, citizens, and other journalists in addition to numerous awards. Governor Jerry Brown recognized his expertise on environmental issues and appointed Mike as a spokesperson for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in May of 2012. His commitment to these issues was a benefit for all Californians.

With his outstanding public service both as a reporter and a spokesperson, the people of California will always be thankful to Mike. I myself enjoyed working with him during his years as a reporter. In his personal life, Mike was known to talk as much about his family as his work. In the words of his brother, David, "Mike loved his family very dearly."

I ask you all to join me in honoring the life and work of Mike Taugher.

RETIREMENT OF POLICE
SERGEANT JOEL R. ORR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Joel R. Orr as he retires after nearly 25 years of law enforcement service to the City of Fairfield.

Hired as a Public Safety Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on July 25, 1988, and served the community in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, and School Resource Officer. Sergeant Orr also took on ancillary assignments by joining the Crisis Negotiation Team and being selected for the first Street Criminal Apprehension Team (SCAT). In the course of teaching important skills such as Parent Project, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and driver awareness, he earned the City Manager's Commendation Award for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing the City's Driver Training Program. Sergeant Orr also assisted California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) with their Entry-Level Patrol Officer Job Analysis Project and then completed the distinctive Robert Presly's Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) certification course with a specialty in homicide investigation.

On December 5, 2003, Sergeant Orr was promoted to Police Corporal and then on August 18, 2006, he was promoted to Police Sergeant where he served in Patrol, Investigations and Professional Standards, and as a Public Information Officer. In 2008 and 2010, as the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, Sergeant Orr consistently stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. Over the last five years, he has assumed the Police Lieutenant's position twice and managed Patrol Operations. Sergeant Orr has a can-do attitude and he consistently provided quality service to the community.

Sergeant Orr has been a valued employee and leader and his commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. He was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

RECOGNIZING TRANSPORTATION
SECURITY OFFICER, JACOB
NEAL, FOR SAVING A MAN'S
LIFE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Transportation Security Officer Jacob Neal, who saved a life at Chicago O'Hare International Airport with the help of two other TSA officials earlier this month.

When TSO Marvin Jackson noticed that a passenger had collapsed and lost consciousness, he quickly placed a call to his supervisor, Jacob Neal. TSO Neal, who served in the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter and medic before joining the TSA, demonstrated great leadership and poise as he took control of the situation, asking everyone to step away unless they were certified in CPR. He put on his gloves and started to give chest compressions, while also comforting the passenger's wife by letting her know that he was a former paramedic. His quick thinking, expertise, and professionalism made the difference.

"When someone is suffering like that you just feel compelled to jump in and help," said TSO Neal, a two-time O'Hare TSO of the Year honoree.

Jacob Neal along with the others who helped save a man's life that day showed extraordinary strength and exemplified what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty. It is acts like these that inspire us to be better people and better citizens. Due to the quick thinking and composure of the men and woman involved, a potentially tragic situation was avoided.

Again, I would like to thank Jacob Neal for his commendable efforts in saving a life this past month. I also want to recognize him and his TSA colleagues, and other federal employees who work hard each and every day to serve the public and keep our nation strong and secure.

RECOGNIZING MYKE REID ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE AMERICAN POSTAL
WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Myke Reid on the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career as the Legislative and Political Director for the American Postal Workers Union, APWU. Mr. Reid dedicated his career to postal reform and played an integral role in the enactment of important legislation, including the Family & Medical Leave Act in 1993 and reform of the Hatch Act.

Myke Reid began his long and accomplished career with the United States Postal Service in 1976 as a clerk in Norfolk, VA. Mr. Reid's community involvement and enthusiasm for legislative reform won the recognition and admiration of his fellow union mem-

bers, and he quickly rose to the position of state legislative director and state president.

In 1984, Mr. Reid arrived in Washington, DC, and joined the fight to preserve Social Security. For nine years, Mr. Reid served as the Special Assistant to the President of the APWU.

After the retirement of Roy Braunstein in 2004, Mr. Reid was appointed to serve as the Legislative and Political Director of the APWU. His service, his expertise on postal issues, and his accomplishments have earned the respect of many within the APWU and across the postal community and Capitol Hill. Commenting on Mr. Reid's retirement, APWU President Cliff Guffey spoke for many when he said, "He has made great contributions to our struggle and will be missed."

In addition to his service to the nation's postal workers and his important contributions in the halls of Congress, Mr. Reid still found the time to serve his community. He served on many community-based organizations, including the Virginia Employment Commission Advisory Board, the Virginia Community College Board, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board, and the Alexandria Democratic Committee. Mr. Reid is a native Virginian, born in Portsmouth. He received a B.A. from Norfolk State University and currently resides in Alexandria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Myke Reid on this occasion and in commending him for his service and his work to represent the interests of America's Postal Workers and working families.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF
HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the driving force behind Honor Flight South Alabama, the organization which sent more than 950 World War II veterans from Southwest Alabama to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC from 2009 to 2013.

I was honored to have met all nine flights of courageous veterans as they arrived at their Memorial. The monumental effort required to complete these flights came to fruition due to the hard work of the seven key players, each donating their tremendous talents to ensure this noble effort to thank our veterans was a success. Today, I pay tribute to those who made this remarkable program possible: Margaret Coley, Col. Pat Downing, Col. John New, Cdr. Pete Riehm, Anne Eubanks, Tina McGrath, and Dr. Barry L. Booth.

Over the last four years, Honor Flight South Alabama provided the veterans of Southwest Alabama an opportunity to visit the memorials on the National Mall as well as Arlington National Ceremony and to receive our Nation's sincerest gratitude for their selfless sacrifice and service. Honor Flight South Alabama chartered their final plane to Washington on May 8, 2013, and returned home to a grand welcome by family, friends and the community at large.

While the Honor Flight South Alabama program gleamed in a well-deserved spotlight, the